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SUBJ: OAU SECRETARY-GENERAL'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE

SUMMARY: ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY (OAU) SECRETARY-GENERAL WILLIAM ETEKI MOBOUMOUA IN NEW YEAR MESSAGE URGED INDEPENDENT AFRICA TO PREPARE TO FORM DETERRENT FORCE AGAINST WHITE RULED SOUTHERN AFRICAN AGGRESSION . ETEKI PAID TRIBUTE TO FIVE FRONT LINE STATES FOR PROVIDING THEIR TERRITORIES TO FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND FOR EXPOSING THEMSELVES TO CRIMINAL AGGRESSION BY RACIST REGIMES OF SALISBURY AND PRETORIA. HE SAID ZIMBABWE HAS BEGUN HER IRREVERSIBLE DRIVE FOR LIBERATION AND IT INCUMBENT UPON ZIMBABWE FREEDOM FIGHTERS TO RESIST "NOTORIOUS TRICKS OF DEMON OF DIVISION". ETEKI SAID HOUR OF TRUTH HAS SOUNDED IN SOUTH AFRICA, AND PEOPLE HAVE SHOWN THEIR DETERMINATION TO SHAKE OFF YOKE OF INHUMAN REGIME. HE APPEALED TO ALL AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO SUPPORT STRUGGLE THERE , ESPECIALLY TO ASSIST REFUGEES.
ETEKI ALSO NOTED "DISQUIETING" CASE OF WESTERN SAHARA AND ADDED SPECIAL SUMMIT ON THIS ISSUE DUE TO BE HELD WITHIN

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NEXT FEW MONTHS. ETEKI EXPRESSED GRATIFICATION WITH SUCCESS OF OAU CAMPAIGN FOR NON-RECOGNITION OF SO-CALLED TRANSKEI STATE. ETEKI SUMMARIZED OAU AIMS FOR COMING YEAR AS LIBERATION OF AFRICA FROM FOREIGN BASES, ECONOMIC DOMINATION, AND CULTURAL SUBJUGATION, AND TO WIN BATTLE FOR NEW INTERNATIONAL ORDER (SIC). ETEKI URGED GREATER EFFECTIVENESS FOR COMING YEAR, ESPECIALLY DEVELOPMENT OF OPERATIONAL ACTION FOR

ORGANIZED COOPERATION IN ALL FIELDS. FOLLOWING DAY'S ETHIOPIAN HERALD EDITORIAL EXPRESSED STRONG SUPPORT FOR ETEKI PROPOSALS. END SUMMARY.

1. THE EMPHASIS IN OAU SECRETARY-GENERAL WILLIAM ETEKI MBOUMOUA TRADITIONAL OAU NEW YEAR MESSAGE WAS NOT UNNATURALLY ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES. HE URGED INDEPENDENT AFRICAN NATIONS TO PREPARE TO FORM DETERRENT FORCE AGAINST AGGRESSION FROM WHITE-RULED SOUTHERN AFRICA. IN DOING SO, ETEKI PRAISED FRONT-LINE STATES OF ANGOLA, BOTSWANA, MOZAMBIQUE, TANZANIA, AND ZAMBIA FOR OFFERING IN THEIR TERRITORIES "THE BEST POSSIBLE FIGHTING CONDITIONS TO THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS OF ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA, AND SOUTH AFRICA." HE NOTED THAT SOLIDARITY OF FRONT LINE STATES' ASSISTANCE TO LIVERATION MOVEMENTS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA WAS ALL THE MORE REMARKABLE, BECAUSE IT "INEVITABLY EXPOSES THESE COUNTRIES TO CRIMINAL AGGRESSION, IF NOT INVASION BY THE RACIST REGIMES OF PRETORIA AND SALISBURY". RESPONSIBILITY OF OAU STATES WAS TO COMMIT THEMSELVES AND PREPARE "NOT ONLY TO ASSIST (FREEDOM FIGHTERS) TO REPEL AGGRESSION OR TO MEET AGGRESSION BY AGGRESSION, BUT TO SET UP A DETERRENT FORCE AGAINST SUCH AGGRESSION". ETKEI SPECULATED IF SOUTHERN AFRICA AGGRESSION NOT COUNTERED, IT COULD CREATE OSTENSIBLE PRETEXT FOR TAKING ACTION AGAINST OTHER INDEPENDENT AFRICAN COUNTIES.

2. IN LINE WITH OAU POSITION ON ZIMBABWE, ETEKI URGED FREEDOM FIGHTERS TO RESIST NOTORIOUS TRICKS TO DIVIDE THEIR RANKS. HE CHARACTERIZED IMPEDIMENTS AND SUBTERFUGE BEING USED BY IAN SMITH AS "LAST KICKS OF MORTALLY WOUNDED AND DYING BEAST". HE APPEALED TO VARIOUS ZIMBABWE LIBERATION FACTIONS TO RISE ABOVE RIVALRY
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AND NOT TO PLAY INTO HANDS OF ENEMY WHO ATTEMPTING TO WEAKEN SINEWS OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS.

3. IN SAYING "HOUR OF TRUTH HAS SOUNDED FOR SOUTH AFRICA", ETEKI APPEALED TO ALL AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO ASSIST "YOUNG HEROES OF WOETO AND OTHER AREAS WHO ARE FLEEING BY THOUSANDS FROM BLIND REPRESSION".

4. IN REVIEW OF SOME OAU ISSUES DURING PAST YEAR HE CHARACTERIZED SITUATION IN WESTERN SAHARA AS "DISQUIETING", ADDING THAT SUMMIT WOULD BE HELD WITHIN NEXT FEW MONTHS. HE NOTED SUCCESS OF OAU CAMPAIGN FOR NON-RECOGNITION OF SO-CALLED TRANSKEI STATE, WHICH HAD BEEN UNDERSTOOD AND UPHELD BY INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

5. ETEKI BELIEVED OAU AIMS FOR COMING YEAR SHOULD BE TO LIVERATE AFRICA FROM FOREIGN BASES, EXONOMIC DOMINATION, CULTURAL SUBJUGATION, AND TO WIN THE BATTLE FOR A NEW INTERNATIONAL ORDER (SIC). HW CONCLUDED THAT IN GENERAL HE EXPECTED COMING YEAR TO BE ONE OF GREATER EFFECTIVENESS FOR OAU. AS AN

EXAMPLE OF GREATER EFFECTIVENESS FOR OAU . AS AN EXAMPLE OF PAST EFFECTIVENESS, HE SIAD ADMISSION OF ANGOLA TO UNITED NATIONS HAD PAVED WAY FOR INDEPENDENT STATE OF DJIBOUTI.

6. FOLLOWING DAY'S ETHIOPIAN HERALD EDITORIAL PRAISED OAU SECRETARY-GENERAL'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE AND ENDORSED HIS CALL FOR A DETERRENT FORCE. IN CITING SOUTHERN AFRICA'S INCREASED NUCLEAR CAPABILITY, AIDED BY SOME WESTERN COUNTIRES' ASSISTANCE, AND 36 PERCENT INCREASE IN SOUTH AFRICA'S DEFENSE EXPENDITURE, WHICH REPORTEDLY AMOUNTS TO 20 PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGETARY OUTLAY, HERALD SAW THREAT POSED TO ALL INDEPENDENT AFRICAN STATES. EDITORIAL NOTED INCREASE IN REFUGEES AND CONTINUING HOSTILE ACTS BY SOUTH AFRICA AGAINST ANGOLA. IT CALLED ON AFRICAN STATES TO REASSESS THEIR STRENGTH AND WORK OUT COMMON FRONT TO ENABLE FORCE TO BE MET WITH FORCE, EDITORIAL CONCLUDED THAT WITHOUT DETERRENT FORCE, ESPECIALLY TO ASSIST FRON-LINE STATES WHO

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CONSTANTLY FACED WITH THREAT OF INCURSION, EXPRESSIONS OF SOLIDARITY AND UNITY BECOME MERE SLOGANS.

7 ETKEI NEW YEAR MESSAGE AND SUBSEQUENT ETHIOPIAN EDITORIAL VERY CONSISTENT WITH PREVIOUS OAU POLICIES AND STATEMENTS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA. CALL FOR DETERRENT FORCE SIMILAR TO OAU IMPORTINGS BEFORE END OF PORTUGUESE COLONIALISM IN AFRICA WHEN EFFORTS FOCUSED ON ASSISTANCE TO ANTI-PORTUGUESE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.

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